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Statement by H.E. Mr. Yong CHANTHALANGSY,

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Mr. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes and thanks the delegation of Cuba for the comprehensive presentation of the National Report.

My delegation notes with appreciation that despite facing tremendous constraints, Cuba has achieved the broadest possible enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms. We commend Cuba for having met most part of the targets established by the MDGs.

We appreciate that Cuba is party to many core international human rights instruments among other conventions and actively participated in the implementation those instruments.

In this connection, my delegation encourages the Government of Cuba to strengthen cooperation with the UN and international community for the promotion and protection of Human Rights.

I thank you, Mr President.